

City of Flagstaff

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Council Provides Direction on the Public Hearing Process for "The Standard"

The Flagstaff City Council is providing an explanation of the process and Rules of Procedure regarding the upcoming public hearing on "The Standard" rezoning request. The Council is providing this detail to enable the public to successfully participate.

The Public Hearing on "The Standard" will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014

The Council must follow established Rules of Procedure for **all** Public Hearings, including "The Standard". The Rules of Procedure call for the following sequence: a staff presentation, an applicant presentation, Council clarifying questions and answers, public comment, applicant response, staff response, Council questions and deliberation. These <u>Rules of Procedure</u> (with minor time modifications) will be followed for "The Standard" Public Hearing as detailed below:

- The Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- City staff will be given 30 minutes for a presentation
- > The Applicant for the rezoning request will be given 30 minutes for a presentation
- City Council clarifying questions
- Public comment will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.
 - Anyone wishing to speak as part of the Public Hearing, MUST fill out a comment card and submit it to the City Clerk
 - o Each speaker will be given 2 minutes to address the Council
- Public comment will be taken until 9:30 p.m. If there are still individuals that have not had a chance to comment (excluding those who leave early) the Council will continue the Public Hearing to Wednesday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m.
 - In order to speak at the possible July 2nd continuation of the Public Hearing members of the public must have turned in a comment card at the July 1st Public Hearing. New comment cards will NOT be accepted at a July 2nd meeting
 - o If a July 2nd meeting is necessary, the remaining comment cards will be called, including those of individuals that had to leave the July 1st Public Hearing early.

- > The Applicant will have an opportunity to respond
- > Staff will have an opportunity to respond
- > Council questions and deliberation

The City of Flagstaff will provide translation services during the public hearing. Two interpreters have been hired and 15 new headsets purchased to assist with the translation services.

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